

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A building component for forming floor and/or wall coverings comprising a support layer and a layer which is connected to the support layer, a floor and/or wall forming layer made of at least one coating element as well as devices for connecting similar building components applied to a floor or a wall.
2. (Currently Amended) The building component according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support layer is connected by means of an intermediate layer to the at least one coating element.
3. (Currently Amended) The building component according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate layer is foamed or sprayed on the support layer and the at least one coating element.
4. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~claim 2 or 3,~~ claim 2; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate layer is foamed or sprayed by filling the joints between several coating elements.
5. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 2 to 4,~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate layer is foamed or sprayed by forming a bordering encircling the building component.

6. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the width of the bordering encircling the building component is half as wide as the width of the joints between several coating elements.
7. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 2 to 6~~, characterized in that claim 2, wherein the intermediate layer is made of an elastic and/or water-resistant material.
8. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the support layer is made of recycling material, in particular of plastic recycling material.
9. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the coating element is made of ceramic, stoneware, natural stone, glass, plastic, metal and/or wood.
10. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the elements for forming the devices for connection of the building components are molded together to the intermediate layer in one piece and/or the intermediate layer is foamed or sprayed on separate similar elements.
11. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the building component comprises connector devices, particularly for tongue-and-groove joints.

12. (Currently Amended) The building component according to claim 11,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein a groove is formed at two sides  
which are perpendicular relative to each other and a tongue is  
formed at the sides opposing these sides.
13. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of~~  
~~claims 10 to 12,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein engaging  
connector devices are provided.
14. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of~~  
~~claims 11 to 13,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 11, wherein the  
groove is formed between the support layer and the layer  
encompassing the coating element.
15. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of~~  
~~claims 10 to 14,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein the  
edges of the support layer and of the layer encompassing the  
coating element are arranged offset relative to each other,  
parallel to the plane of the support layer.
16. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of~~  
~~claims 10 to 14,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein an  
element having the tongue or groove is connected in one piece  
with the intermediate layer.
17. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 16,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the  
support layer has a surface profile and/or a soft, ductile  
coating on its side facing away from the layer which is connected  
to the support layer.

18. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 17,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein pipes for a heating and/or cooling, heating conductors and/or sensors are embedded in the building component, particularly in the support layer.
19. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 18,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the building component is part of a flexible building system which encompasses such building components.
20. (Currently Amended) The building component according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flexible building component encompasses an elastic joint piece.
21. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~claim 19 or 20,~~ characterized in that claim 19, wherein the building system encompasses elastic joint connection elements for the connection of building components as well as edge facing elements.
22. (Currently Amended) The building component according to ~~one of claims 1 to 22,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the building component is curved as a whole and/or exhibits a curved surface.